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SUBJ: JAPANESE OIL CONTINGENCY PLANS

1. MASAGI YAMAMOTO, DEPUTY HEAD OF GENERAL COORDINATION DIV OF MITI'S NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY AGENCY, TOLD EMBOFF NOV 7 THAT FINAL DRAFTING OF CONTINGENCY PLANS NOW UNDERWAY IN MITI. PLAN WOULD HAVE THREE PHASES: 1) AN APPEAL TO PUBLIC TO REDUCE CONSUMPTION 2) ADMINISTRATIVE GUIDANCE (INFORMAL CONTROLS) TO INDUSTRY TO REDUCE FUEL CONSUMPTION AND 3) ANNOUNCEMENT OF INTENTION TO REQUEST EMERGENCY LEGISLATION TO CONTROL PETROLEUM CONSUMPTION. YAMAMOTO SAID IMPLEMENTATION PHASE ONE AND TWO MIGHT BE COMBINED. RE PHASE THREE DRAFT LEGISLATION HAD ALREADY BEEN PREPARED, BUT DECISION TO SUBMIT TO DIET WOULD HAVE TO BE MADE

BY PRIME MINISTER BECAUSE OF PROBABLE HEAVY PSYCHOLOGICAL IMPACT.

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2. YAMAMOTO NOTED THAT ANNOUNCEMENT OF THREE PHASE PLAN
WOULD BE MADE QTE BEFORE END OF THIS MONTH UNQTE. EXACT
TIMING DEPENDED ON HIGH LEVEL DECISION.

3. TOGETHER WITH ABOVE PLANS YAMAMOTO SAID MITI WOULD
ANNOUNCE OVERALL ECONOMIC POLICY TO MINIMIZE CONSEQUENCES
OF FUEL SHORTAGE. ALSO INCLUDED WOULD BE IMPOSITION OF
QTE IMPORT AND EXPORT OBSERVATION SYSTEM UNQTE. LATTER
WOULD BE LARGELY AIMED AT REDUCING EXPORTS OF PETROLEUM
PRODUCTS FROM JAPAN, WHICH NOW ACCOUNT FOR 10 PERCENT ON
TOTAL REFINED PRODUCT PRODUCTION ACCORDING MITI.

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